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SUBJ: SWIFT DELTEC

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1. LOCAL ATTORNEY FOR DELTEC CONFIRMED MOST OF MAJOR POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL. HE HAS INFORMATION THAT JUDGE INVESTIGATING CRIMINAL CASE IS ABOUT TO CALL UPON MOST IF NOT ALL MEMBERS OF DELTEC BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AS WELL AS NUMBER OF COMPANY OFFICERS NOT ON BOARD (INCLUDING MAX STOLPER) TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT TO MAKE STATEMENT. MOST OF INDIVIDUALS SO NAMED WOULD BE ALLEGED TO HAVE HAD DIRECT INVOLVEMENT IN CRIMINAL ACTIONS, WHILE REMAINDER WOULD BE CALLED AS WITNESSES. PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED BY COURT WOULD BE SIMILAR TO THAT DESCRIBED PARAS 3 AND 4 OF BA 8788 OF DEC 2, 1973 RE ORIGINAL SIX OFFICERS OF SWIFT. SOME FORM OF NOTICE WOULD BE ISSUED CALLING UPON NAMED INDIVIDUALS TO APPEAR BEFORE LOCAL COURT. SHOULD THEY NOT APPEAR, JUDGE COULD RPT COULD BEGIN EXTRADITION PROCEEDINGS.

2. JUDGE APPARENTLY HAS NOT YET ISSUED ORDER NAMING INDIVIDUALS, BUT THIS COULD OCCUR THIS WEEK OR NEXT. ONCE THIS INITIAL STEP TAKEN, TIMING OF REMAINING STEPS LISTED ABOVE APPARENTLY AT FULL DISCRETION OF JUDGE. ANY INDIVIDUALS CALLED UPON TO MAKE STATEMENTS BEFORE COURT WHO THEN CAME TO ARGENTINA LIKELY TO BE PREVENTED FROM LEAVING UNTIL FINAL DECISION RENDERED IN CASE.

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3. ATTORNEY WHO PROVIDED ABOVE INFORMATION SAID HE HAD PROVIDED SIMILAR INFORMATION TO DELTEC IN US AND THEREFORE ALMOST CERTAINLY IS ORIGINAL SOURCE OF INFORMATION PROVIDED DEPARTMENT BY ARTHUR DEAN. HE CONSIDERS THIS INFORMATION RELIABLE BUT CAUTIONED THAT NOTHING OF THIS NATURE IS CERTAIN, PARTICULARLY AS THIS CASE SO HEAVILY INFLUENCED BY LOCAL POLITICAL FACTORS. GIVEN NORMAL SECRECY COURT PROCEEDINGS AND PARTICULARLY SENSITIVITY IN THIS CASE, IT UNLIKELY THAT MORE DEFINITE INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED BEFORE JUDGE ISSUES ORDER.
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